

MEXICAN SITUATION ALARMS PRESIDENT

CITY IS SAID TO BE STARVING—PILLAGING FOR FOOD SANCTIONED.

300 MERCHANTS PUT IN JAIL

Plan of Carranza Men Is to Force Poor Into Army If They Wish to Eat—Situation Thought Critical.

Washington.—President Wilson was confronted by one of the most serious and perplexing developments that have arisen in the Mexican situation. Mexico City is on the verge of starvation.

Gen. Obregon, the Carranza commander, refused to permit an international relief committee, composed of wealthy members of the foreign colony, to succor the needy.

"Mexico needs no foreign aid," the general is reported to have said.

All merchants who closed their stores have been ordered to reopen, under threat of punishment. Three hundred of them, all Mexicans, have been imprisoned. The people of Mexico City are living in terror of another evacuation since Obregon has announced that he will not prevent looting or pillaging for food or money.

For the present the outcome of the telegraphic correspondence with Gen. Carranza will be awaited. Hitherto he has been reported as standing by all the activities of Gen. Obregon, whose purpose, according to officials, seems to be to force the lower classes to enlist in the Carranza army or starve.

BOTH NAMES ON MONUMENT

Secretary of War Garrison Makes Solomon-Like Decision in Case of Memorial.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of War Garrison used some of King Solomon's theories of equity in deciding that the names of both of President Tyler's wives should be chiseled upon the monument which congress has provided shall be erected over his grave in Richmond. President Tyler's first wife died in the White House, and was buried at her home in Virginia. His second wife died many years later and was buried beside him in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

When the commission which has charge of the monument began to prepare to erect it, they decided that the wife who lies beside him in Richmond should be named on the granite. The relatives of his first wife appealed to the war department, and Mr. Garrison decided that the name of Letitia Christian, his first wife, should be chiseled beside that of Julia Gardner, the wife of his old age.

DRY LAWS BREAK A BANK

Officers and Directors of Institution Are Connected With Brewery of City.

Pittsburg, Penna.—The German National Bank of Pittsburg did not open its doors for business at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. A notice on the door said it had been closed by order of the controller of the currency.

Officers and directors of the German National are prominently identified with the Pittsburg Brewing Co., whose securities recently have suffered heavily on the Pittsburg Stock Exchange, because, it was said, of the enactment of prohibition laws in West Virginia and the extension of local option in Eastern Ohio territory in which the brewing company formerly did a large business.

DRY TOWN VOTES SALOONS

Shreveport (La.) Prohibitions Ignore Election and Will Contest Issuance of Licenses—Vote 1,457 to 42.

Shreveport, Louisiana.—Shreveport voted overwhelmingly to return to licensed saloons, 1,457 to 42. The prohibition forces advised voters of their belief to ignore the election, and this is said to account for the light vote cast by that side.

The prohibitionists will contest the issuance of licenses in the courts, it was announced.

Blind Man Gets 2 Years for Fraud. Danville, Ill.—John A. Brewer, blind, of Herrin, Ill., was sentenced in the federal court here to two years at Leavenworth on a charge of using the mails to defraud. He admitted having sent bogus references to a mail order house.

Banker Arrested After Failure. Santa Fe, N. M.—T. R. H. Smith, president of the First State Bank of Las Cruces, was arrested after the grand jury had returned an indictment against him in connection with the failure of the bank.

Slight Earthquake in Italy. Florence.—A slight earthquake shock, lasting four seconds, was felt in Tuscany and other sections of Italy, but no fatalities are reported, and only insubstantial damage to property.

FUNERAL OF GERMAN PRISONER



At South-End-on-the-Sea, at the mouth of the Thames, large numbers of captured Germans are kept on liners. The photograph shows the funeral of one of these prisoners. He was buried with full military honors and the other prisoners were allowed to act as pallbearers and join in the cortege.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND IN CAVE

HER DISAPPEARANCE REVEALED EMPLOYER'S DOUBLE LIFE.

Admits He Is Father of Another Woman's Children But Knows Nothing of Her Death.

New Haven, Conn.—The body of Lilian May Cook, a stenographer in the office of a local factory, who disappeared a week ago, was found by a man in a cave at the top of West Rock.

There is no information yet as to how the girl met her death. The fact, however, that a revolver which was in Miss Cook's desk was missed the day she disappeared has caused a theory on the part of some that she took her own life.

Miss Cook was employed by Virginis Mayo, who, according to the New Haven police, admitted he maintained Lois Waterbury, a former stenographer for him, and their two children in a home in Brooklyn, where he and she were known as Mr. and Mrs. Dudley.

Before becoming a stenographer in the Mayo establishment, Miss Cook, who was but 18 years old, served a time as a nurse in the Dudley establishment.

Mayo admitted that he had taken Miss Cook from the Dudley home in Brooklyn to New Haven, but he denied he knew anything of her disappearance. He said he got a letter from a friend in Springfield, Mass., stating the girl was seen there last Thursday.

"I never took the name of Dudley," he said. "The woman in Brooklyn who is known as Mrs. Dudley, is Lois Waterbury, who was formerly a stenographer here in my office."

"She is the mother of two girls, who are my daughters, and I am going to adopt them. When our relations became such that they could no longer be kept a secret in New Haven, I sent her to a house I own in Brooklyn, and she called herself Mrs. Dudley. I visited her once a week."

HAS ABUSED LODGE'S FRANK

Government Asks Pay for Postage on 320,000 Sugar Beet Campaign Circulars.

Washington, D. C.—Suit to recover \$57,600 from Truman G. Palmer, secretary of the United States Beet Sugar industry, was filed here by the government, which alleges that sum was the proper postage on 320,000 copies of "Sugar at a Glance," delivered in the mails under the frank of Senator Lodge.

The government's bill alleges that Palmer substituted his pamphlets for tables of figures which were used by Senator Lodge in a speech in the tariff debate and that the postal officials were deceived in believing they were proper matter to be carried free. The incident received extended attention during the lobby investigation.

Drinks Quart of Whisky, Dies.

Philadelphia.—An acceptance of a bet to drink a quart of whisky resulted in the death of William Pfeil, 17, in a patrol wagon while being rushed to St. Agnes hospital.

War Policy Indorsement Tabled.

Des Moines, Ia.—An indorsement of President Wilson's European war policy was tabled in the Iowa senate by a vote of 28 to 9.

Philadelphia to Borrow \$6,000,000.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Provisions for a municipal loan of \$6,000,000 to be applied toward increasing the transit facilities of the city were contained in an ordinance adopted by both branches of the city council.

France Honors American Nurse.

San Francisco, Cal.—Miss Josephine Redding, a San Francisco girl, who is a trained nurse in the Red Cross service of the French army, has been awarded the cross of the legion of honor by the French government.

SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE

PARLEYS ARE MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

Negotiations Promise Great Impetus to Commerce With Two Countries.

Washington, D. C.—Negotiations which promise great impetus to American trade with Brazil and Argentina are being carried on by the Wilson administration.

Efforts are being made to have these two countries reduce their tariff duties on products from the United States.

Using Underwood-Simmons tariff law as the basis for reciprocal relations, the administration has pointed out to the South American republics that nearly all their products come into this country free of duty, while virtually all products from the United States are subjected to enormously high duties in Brazil and Argentina.

U. S. Representatives Asked. The representations have been received favorably, and have progressed so far with Brazil that action by the Brazilian congress is expected this spring.

Ambassador Morgan has reported to the state department that Brazil expects to revise its tariff thoroughly, and that the minister of finance has named a commission to present a draft of the new tariff bill to the congress when it convenes in May.

The minister of finance has suggested to the American ambassador that exporters of the United States send representatives to confer with this committee on the rates to be applied on American products.

RUSSIAN FLEET AFTER TURKS

Expected to Attack Ottoman Ships in Bosphorus Which Guards Constantinople Approach.

London, England.—The Russian Black Sea fleet is steaming toward the Bosphorus, says a dispatch from Rome. The Bucharest correspondent of the Giornale d'Italia of Rome telegraphs that the Russian fleet has passed Burgas, Bulgaria.

Burgas is situated on the western shore of the Black Sea, near the eastern extremity of the Balkans. It is 76 miles north of Adrianople.

Should the Russian fleet attack the Bosphorus, it presumably would have to deal with the Turkish fleet, which is supposed to be in that region, the most powerful of which is the cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German cruiser Goeben.

The Bosphorus is about 18 miles long and from one-half to one and one-half miles wide. It is defended with modern fortifications, which guard the approach to Constantinople.

Clubhouse for Moles.

New York.—A clubhouse for sub-way "moles" is to be erected in City Hall Square by contractors, and will have cardrooms, showerbaths and bunks.

Congressmen Get Held Out Pay.

Washington.—Six thousand dollars deducted from the salaries of representatives in congress absent during the closing days of the last session was restored to the absentees by a resolution passed by the house.

Human Skull in Shark's Stomach.

Miami, Fla.—A skull and various other bones of the human body were found in the stomach of a 12-foot shark killed here.

Wife Sues Songster.

New York.—In her suit for separation, Mrs. Charles A. Albert declared that she did not mind when her husband tried to be a songbird like Caruso, but when he cut down her food allowance to save money for singing lessons, that capped the climax.

No Charter for "Bugs."

New York.—Justice Kelly has refused a charter to the "West End Bugs' Club" as "not a proper designation," the kind of bugs not being mentioned.

MONTHLY INTEREST RUNS UP TO \$20,000

TREASURER DEAL RECEIVES CHECKS COVERING PAYMENTS ON BALANCES.

FEBRUARY BEATS JANUARY

From Figures Shown the Annual Interest on State's Deposits Will Amount to Nearly \$250,000—20 Banks Pay Up.

Jefferson City. State Treasurer E. P. Deal has received checks from the various state depositories for interest on the daily balances for February. Although the month was short, the total exceeded that for January several thousand dollars, the balances being larger. The February interest total is \$20,043.37 paid by depositories as follows:

Old Bank Trust Company of Shelby, \$225.72.

Central Missouri Trust Company of Jefferson City on current balances, \$288.69; or state capitol building funds, \$51.36.

Central National Bank of Booneville, \$705.04.

Commerce Trust Company of Kansas City, \$932.21.

Charleston Bank of Charleston, \$453.26.

Exchange Bank of Jefferson City, \$834.80.

First National Bank of Jefferson City, \$520.75.

Mercantile Bank, Kansas City, \$197.31.

Mercantile Trust Company of St. Louis, \$6,025.82 on current funds, and \$5,896.98 on capitol building funds.

Holland Banking Company of Springfield, \$932.70.

Banking house of T. J. Lycan, Edina, \$199.08.

Bank of La Plata, \$208.36.

Ellington Bank of Ellington, \$179.72.

Kearney Bank of Kearney, \$242.93.

Bank of Lilbourn, \$206.56.

Schuyler County Bank of Lancaster, \$220.90.

Stoddard County Trust Company of Bloomfield, \$237.20.

Citizens' Bank, Marshfield, \$242.34.

Southern Missouri Trust Company, Springfield, \$241.60.

Mississippi County Bank, Charleston, \$240.34.

On the basis of the interest paid during February the interest earnings of the state's daily balances will approximate \$250,000 for the year.

Nepotism Dead.

Representative Settle, one of the Republican members who introduced the anti-nepotism bill in the house, requested that his bill be placed on the informal calendar after it had been amended many times when discussed for engrossment in the lower branch of the assembly. The bill received similar treatment in the senate, and the measure is virtually dead.

During the discussion Representative Fulbright brought out the fact that during the forty-fifth general assembly, when the Republicans controlled the house, scores of Republicans had placed their relatives on the payroll and that the Republicans at that time never thought of any nepotism bill. He said that the present administration had to make a deficiency appropriation of \$114,000 to liquidate unpaid bills on the Hadley administration.

Smelter Trust Charged.

Assistant Attorney General W. T. Rutherford has departed for Joplin to confer with mine owners. There is dissatisfaction among the operators over the price charged by the smelters, and it is alleged they are violating the anti-trust laws.

"Pure Lawyer" Bill Engrossed.

A bill by Representative Parker engrossed provides a penalty of \$500 and three months in jail for any lawyer guilty of soliciting business or procuring the services of so-called "expert witnesses."

Capital Punishment Still Goes.

The house refused to abolish capital punishment in this state by a vote of 44 to 76. The original bill provided that the death penalty not apply to those convicted on circumstantial evidence or those convicted under 18 years old.

To Get Pure Seeds.

The house engrossed as a special order of business the pure-seed bill introduced by Representative Gordon. It provides for the state board of agriculture to test seeds and to tag quantities of more than 10 pounds.

Uniform Textbooks.

The Jackson bill to provide for a state school text book commission and for the adoption of a uniform system of text books for the public schools in this state has passed the house.

To Help the Blind.

The Kinney bill, providing for the creation of a commission of five members to be appointed by the governor to look after the interests of the blind was taken up and passed. Members are to serve without pay.

HON. HENRY LAMM



Former Judge of the Supreme Court and a man whom Sedalia fellow citizens delight to honor.

Rail Rates.

The house of representatives by a vote of 81 to 57, adopted an amendment to a committee amendment to the public-service bill making it possible for the public service commission to establish a maximum 2½-cent passenger rate in Missouri.

Efforts were made to delay a discussion of the measure, but with a desire to ascertain how the lower branch of the assembly felt as to railroad legislation, there was a demand to consider the bill over the protest of Representative Jacob Bretz, who introduced the bill and who wished it placed on the informal calendar.

Should the legislators acquiesce in this request, the bill would die with the adjournment of the assembly, for it would never again be reached.

There were 40 committee amendments pertaining to regulations and powers of the public service commission, but the vital question, railroad rates, was amendment No. 40. After the others had received perfunctory consideration and were approved, the piece de resistance of the bill came up for discussion.

Representative Correll offered a substitute amendment to the one offered in committee hearings, making it possible for the public service commission to fix a maximum 2½-cent passenger rate.

No Fire Marshal.

The bill creating and establishing the office of state fire marshal practically was killed in the senate when it came up for engrossment. Twenty-one amendments were adopted.

A series offered by Senator Morton transferred the appointing and supervising of the marshal from the state superintendent of insurance to the governor.

Senators Harris, Rodgers, Whitledge, Gardner and others declared it was dangerous to clothe any official with authority like the measure sought to confer upon the marshal.

Gardner declared the measure an effort by the fire insurance companies to harass the public, and Whitledge said it was a scheme to have the state pull chestnuts out of the fire for the companies.

McClintic and Goodson favored the bill and the former said it was a move to reduce the cost of insurance. It would do more, he said, to bring about a reduction than any other measure that could be passed.

After the bill had been amended until there was little of the original left, it went to the informal calendar, from which it has little prospect of being recalled.

School Funds May Be Cut.

The appropriations of the eleemosynary and education institutions may be cut \$1,000,000 to care for the penitentiary for the coming biennial period.

Representative Floyd Tuggle, chairman of the appropriation committee of the house, has written to the faculties of the educational institutions and the superintendents of asylums informing them that a cut of 20 per cent may be made on their budgets, and he asks them to name the items where reductions can be made.

The penitentiary problem has become so involved that leaders fear that the legislature may adjourn before any satisfactory agreement is reached. The contracts for the convict labor expires this year, and some financial provisions must be made to maintain the prison until the next legislature makes its appropriation.

Wets Din Out.

A test vote on the resolution of Senator Carter to make a special order of his bill regulating and restricting the shipment of liquor into local-option territory resulted in a "draw" in the senate.

The banking bill, sponsored by the Missouri Bankers' Association was engrossed in both branches of the Missouri general assembly. The committee amendments were approved by both branches. The house, however, adopted 12 extra amendments.

Mental Damages.

Representative Lee introduced a bill making the telegraph companies liable to damages for "mental anguish and suffering" caused by failure to deliver or transmit telegrams. Heretofore actual damage must have been shown.

Fire Marshal Law.

"The fire marshal bill has come up for engrossment in the house. The measure has been favorably reported by the insurance committees of house and senate.

2 GIRLS DISROBED AND HORSEWHIPPED

FILE SUIT FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES AGAINST 36 WELL-KNOWN MEN.

SELF-STYLED REGULATORS

Special Term of Court Has Been Called to Try "Possum" Hunters —Open Threats Made to Wreak vengeance.

Rockport, Ky.—Feeling is running high in Butler county as the result of damage suits filed here by Lohella and Katherine Webster, members of a well-known Kentucky family, who alleged they were attacked in their home by a band of "possum hunters," blindfolded, dragged into the cold and then disrobed by the regulators, who afterward applied the lash to their bare backs. The suits are for \$10,000 each and are against 36 wealthy Butler county men.

Persons in the little court were stirred by the pitiable sight of the two women when the suits were filed. Between sobs they told how they had been mistreated. After the beating, which took place at midnight recently, they were taken back to their homes and shoved across the threshold, where they remained until found by relatives.

Trials Set for March 30.

A special term of the Butler circuit court has been called for March 30 to try the men indicted by the recent grand jury. It is likely the damage suits will be tried at this term of court. Among the defendants are Jacob Scrump and J. A. Gardiner.

Open threats were made here recently in connection with the outrages committed by the "possum hunters," who have caused a reign of terror in this section of Kentucky for more than six months. Additional deputies will be stationed at the courthouse when the trials are called.

GOETHALS WANTS TO RETIRE

Requests That Younger Man Take His Place; Opposed Own Promotion Over Civilians.

Panama, Canal Zone.—Maj. Gen. G. W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone, in a speech at the annual banquet of the Society of the Chagres, announced his probable retirement as governor within a year.

He said he had requested that he be relieved in favor of a younger man and that the request undoubtedly would be granted.

Gov. Goethals declared that he had been opposed to his own promotion, together with other officers, when civilian canal employees had been overlooked. In the course of his speech the governor stated that he had opposed charging employees rent for their living quarters.

France Promulgates U. S. Treaty.

Paris, France.—The treaty signed at Washington Sept. 15, 1914, to facilitate the settlement of disputes which may arise between France and the United States was officially promulgated here.

Bread Prices Drop.

New York.—The expected drop in the price of bread, which was raised by the big bakers on Feb. 10 from 4 cents to 5 cents a loaf wholesale, and from 5 cents to 6 cents retail, will start Monday.

Lusitania Safe in Port.

Liverpool.—Moving through the mist in total darkness, the big Lusitania, from New York, entered port, extraordinary precautions having been taken to guard against German submarines. The Lusitania brought 475 passengers, of whom 120 were in the first cabin.

Asks Parole.

Springfield, Ill.—Charles Taylor, an old-time burglar and housebreaker, who has spent 31 years in the Chester and Joliet penitentiaries in Illinois, thinks now that he is entitled to a parole, and in a letter to the state board of pardons has asked permission to do the last year of a 20-year sentence outside the prison walls.

Fugitive Shoots Four Policemen.

Wilmington, Del.—One policeman dead, two probably mortally wounded, and a fourth policeman and two citizens slightly injured is the result of a running pistol battle here with two men who were trying to escape arrest were captured after a wounded rest as suspicious characters. Both finally were captured after one of them had been shot twice and slightly wounded.

Accused of Huge Theft.

Wichita, Kan.—Tipton Cox, former president of the Cox-Blodgett Dry Goods Company, and Thomas Blodgett, former treasurer of the concern, were arrested, charged with the embezzlement of \$84,000, and the alteration of the records of the company.

Killed in Powder Plant.

Haskell, N. J.—Four men were killed and one was seriously injured in an explosion of gunpowder in one of the buildings of the plant of the Dupont Powder Works at this place.

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